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A Mandatory Standard may be defined as an official standard the use of which is compulsory in the conditions specified by the law under which that standard is promulgated; for instance, the Official Grain Standards of the United States for wheat are compulsory for grain shipped by grade in interstate commerce, according to the U. S. Grain Standards Act.

A Permissive Standard as here used may be defined as a standard which has been worked out and recommended officially for optional use. Such permissive standards are used by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in such lines of work as inspection and market news. Permissive standards are often adopted by States as mandatory under certain conditions.

A Tentative Standard as here used may be defined as a standard that is still subject to investigation by the Department of Agriculture, that is offered for use under commercial conditions to test its practicability or as a basis for discussion. Such a tentative standard may later become either a permissive or a mandatory standard, according to circumstances.

CHECK LIST OF STANDARDS FOR FARM PRODUCTS FORMULATED BY THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
(Revised to October 1925.)

Mandatory Standards:

Cotton:			
American Upland:			
White grades	Promulgated	1914*	) Under U. S.
Yellow tinged, yellow stained,	"		) Cotton
and blue stained colors	"	1916**	) Futures Act
American Egyptian (grade and color)	"	1918***	) and
Sea Island (grade and color)	"	1918****	) U. S. Cotton
Length of staple	"	1918	) Standards Act.
Grain:			
Shelled Corn	"	1916	)
Wheat	"	1917	)
Oats	"	1919	) Under
Rye	"	1923	) U. S. Grain
Grain Sorghums	"	1924	) Standards Act.
Feed Oats	"	1925	)
Mixed Feed Oats	"	1925	)
Containers:			
Climax baskets	"	1916	) Under U. S.
Berry boxes	"	1916	) Standard Con-
Till baskets	"	1916	) tainer Act.

Under U. S. Warehouse Act:

Wool:			) Under U. S.
Diameter of fiber	"	1923	) Warehouse Act.

(Note: Licensed tobacco warehousemen are required to use tobacco grades which have been devised for the purpose, and licensed sirup warehousemen are required to use standards promulgated by the Bureau of Chemistry for maple and cane sirup. When storing any commodity for which U. S. grades have been officially promulgated, such grades must be used if the warehouse receipt states the grade. In the absence of official grades the Department approves such grades for use by licensed warehousemen as seem best to meet the needs.)

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* Reestablished 1916; revised 1923; partially revised 1924.
** Revised 1923.
*** Revised 1923 but discontinued in 1925 when the 1918 standards were reestablished.
****Discontinued 1925.

Permissive Standards:

Rice, Milled	Recommended	1918	)
Rice, Rough	"	1923	)
Hay:			
Timothy, clover and grass hay	"	1922**	)
Alfalfa and alfalfa mixed hay	"	1925	)
Prairie hay	"	1925	)
Johnson and Johnson mixed hay	"	1925	)
Mixed hay	"	1925	) Used in con-
Soybeans	"	1925	) nection with
Fruits and Vegetables:			) the services
Apples, Barreled	"	1918*	) offered under
Asparagus	"	1922	) the annual Ap-
Beans, String (Wax or green)	"	1924	) propriation
Beets, Bunched	"	1924	) Acts covering
Cabbage	"	1922*	) inspection of
Cantaloupes	"	1924	) fruits and
Carrots, Bunched	"	1924**	) vegetables,
Cauliflower	"	1922*	) hay and other
Celery	"	1922**	) perishable
Citrus Fruits	"	1923*	) farm products,
Cucumbers	"	1922	) and used in
Egg Plant	"	1925	) Extension and
Grapes (American, Eastern Type Bunch)	"	1925	) demonstration
Grapes (Table)	"	1924**	) work.
Grapes (Juice)	"	1923**	)
Grapes (Packed in Sawdust or other packing material)	"	1925	)
Lettuce	"	1923**	)
Onions, Bermuda	"	1918**	)
Onions, Northern-grown	"	1920**	)
Peaches	"	1922*	) (Shipping
Peanuts (Farmers' stock White Spanish)	"	1924**	) Point
Peanuts (White shelled Spanish)	"	1923**	) and
Peanuts (Runner)	"	1925	) Market
Pears	"	1924**	) Inspection)
Peppers, Sweet	"	1923	)
Pineapples	"	1924	)
Plums and Prunes	"	1924	)
Potatoes	"	1917***	)
Potatoes, Sweet	"	1920**	)
Spinach	"	1925	)
Strawberries	"	1918	)
Tomatoes (Cannery)	"	1923	)
Tomatoes (Fresh)	"	1918**	)
Turnips, Bunched	"	1924	)
Watermelons	"	1923**	)
Butter	"	1918	)
Cheese	"	1922	)

* Revised 1924.
** Revised 1925.
*** Revised 1922.

Tentative Standards:

Cotton Linters	Issued 1925	Developed under U. S. Cotton Standards Act.
Eggs	" 1923*	Used in connection with the services offered under the annual Appropriation Acts covering inspection of hay, poultry, butter and other perishable farm products.
Beans, dry edible	" 1925	
Broomcorn	" 1925	
Meats:		
Fresh, frozen and cured beef		Used in connection with the services offered under annual Appropriation Acts. In market news work. Basis for contracts by public institutions.
Fresh and frozen veal		
Fresh, frozen and cured pork		
Fresh and frozen lamb		
Fresh and frozen mutton		
Livestock:		
Cattle: Slaughter, stockers and feeders		Used in market news work and educational and demonstrational work.
Calves: Slaughter and stockers		
Hogs: Slaughter, stockers and feeders		
Sheep: Slaughter, stockers and feeders		
Lambs: Slaughter, stockers and feeders		
Standard schedule of market classes and grades of cattle, calves, hogs, sheep and lambs.		

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* Revised 1925.

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